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LOCAL NEWS.

The Salem, N.H., Church observed its 150th anniversary last week Thursday and E. B. Blanchard of the Seminary made an address on this occasion.

The monthly Union Gospel Temperance meeting will be held in the Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at 3.30. All are invited.

Among the college boys whom we have noticed at home spending the Christmas vacation are Will and Harry Graves, Cecil Bancroft, and George Smith of Yale, and Donald Churchill of Harvard.

Chief of Police Cheever arrested a tramp Tuesday for doing too much begging. He visited a half-dozen houses in almost as many minutes. He gave his name as James Colby, and hailing from Taunton. Judge Poor gave him three months in the Lawrence House of Correction for vagrancy.

We are glad to notice that our well-known shoe dealer, H. P. Wright, is out again after his quite severe illness.

The Free Church Sunday School has been supplied with new singing books called "Laudis Domini". They were introduced and furnished by the Andover Bookstore.

Rev. Mr. Rader of the Seminary, had a very enjoyable tree and festival on Christmas eve, at the Riverside Church in Lawrence, where he is preaching this winter.

The Ballardvale Engine Co., of Ballardvale polled the handsome vote of 7027 in the Globe contest for the most popular fire company. The Ballardvale boys come in for one of the souvenirs and may well feel proud of their stand.

Rev. J. E. Odlin and family of Goffstown, N.H., are spending a part of the holidays with Mrs. Odlin on Morton St.

The posters are up announcing the New Year's dance under the management of the Andover Orchestra on next Wednesday night from 8 to 1. A dancing party is always expected at this time and there should be a large attendance. The admission will be 75 cents admitting gent with lady, gallery 25 cents.

Miss Grace Kimby of Malden was a visitor at the home of George W. Foster this week.

Prof. J. W. Churchill appeared in the Star Course in Tremont Temple, Boston, Monday night. The Boston Journal said:

"Prof. Churchill's pleasing method and fine elocutionary power are well known, and his skill in programme selections is also appreciated. Last night he appropriately read Dickens' sketch of 'Old Scrooge's Conversion,' displaying a keen strength of conception of the characters. Mark Twain's 'Puzzled Parson' kept the audience in laughter, while other selections from prominent authors were equally well rendered. There was a very large audience in attendance.

Masters Hamilton and Clement Merrill have reached Chicago in safety, where they have gone for the Christmas vacation.

A son of J. Warren Moor of West Parish, Clarence, met with a painful accident Saturday. While coasting down a hill he was run into by another sled, which struck him on the knee, making a gash some three inches long. The doctor had to take two stitches in it.

William Ashness and family have moved into the house recently vacated by Supt. Jowett in Marland Village.

The Tyer Rubber factory closed Wednesday for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Corning will have her evening dancing class again on next Monday evening.

Bertha Higgins is spending a week with Miss Annie Robinson at her home in Marion.

The annual entertainment of the Free Church Sunday School occurs in the vestry to-night, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Order of Unity will elect officers for next year at its regular meeting to-night.

Hardy & Cole have put in new swing-doors at the front entrance of the Town Hall. These will be an added convenience to the comfort of the Post Office waiting room.

The employees of the Tyer Rubber Co. found an extra dollar in their pay envelopes for last week, as a Christmas gift from this flourishing concern.

The Phillips Andover Academy Calendar is a new attraction at the Andover Bookstore. It has at the top a cut of the champion foot-ball team of 1890, and below a good business calendar. It finds a ready sale, especially among students.

One of the special features of the Kirmess to be held the first week in February, will be the children's afternoon. The entertainment will be especially adapted to them, and they may look forward to a good time coming.

Prof. Palmer and wife, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, have been visiting for a few days with Rev. Frederic Palmer.

The Christmas decorations at St. Augustine's and Christ churches were very handsome. Geo. Millett had charge of the latter. There were services at the above churches on Christmas morning, which were well attended, and at the Catholic church Vespers was observed with some excellent music.

W. B. Carpenter and C. J. Stone, of Harvard, are at home for the holidays.

William P. Reagan, who has been associated with Geo. G. Adams, architect, of Lawrence, is now in business for himself in Mr. Adams' former rooms in the Essex Bank Building.

There will be a special Christmas service at the Free Church next Sunday morning with appropriate music. A school concert will follow in the evening at 6 o'clock.

Special Time Table Notice.

Our readers will please take notice that our time table is in error in the following cases: There is no train from Lawrence on Sundays at 9.08. The Salem trains have been greatly changed and are not to be relied upon. We shall have the complete time table carefully revised before another issue.

Coasting Accident.

There was a serious coasting accident, Wednesday evening on Bartlet St. A party of young ladies and gentlemen were going down on a double runner, and when near the house of Mrs. Johnson, saw a hack approaching, they shouted to the driver to turn to the left, but instead of so doing, he drove across their pathway. Will Graves who was steering saw that his only chance was to turn into the gutter. The sled tipped over and all were thrown violently on the ice. The young men all escaped injury, but the ladies did not fare so well. Miss Anna Libbey had her nose broken and other parts of her face badly cut, and Miss Fannie Bancroft and Miss Winnie Ryder were also cut about the face. The hack driver did not stop to see what injury had been done. The presence of mind of Mr. Graves in turning the sled as he did, prevented what would probably have been fatal injuries, as they would otherwise have run into the horses.

A. O. U. W.

Lincoln Lodge, A.O.U.W. initiated two new members Monday night, and also elected officers for 1891 as follows:

Master workman, James Campbell; foreman, Joseph A. Simpson; overseer, Frederick Hulme; recorder, E. E. Trefry; financier, Ira O. Gray; receiver, T. E. Rhodes; guide, James Grosvenor; inside watchman, William W. Abbott; outside watchman, John Garside; trustee, Edward Howarth; representative to Grand Lodge, Edward Howarth; alternate E. E. Trefry.

Progressive Benefit Order.

The postponed meeting in the interest of the Progressive Benefit Order was held in G.A.R. Hall last Friday evening, and quite a number were present to hear its work and methods explained. After this had been done a lodge was organized and instituted by Deputy C. T. Thresh of Lawrence, with a membership of thirty-five. The following officers were elected and installed: Past President, J. M. Bradley; President, E. E. Trefry; vice-President, W. K. Cross; Secretary, P. J. Hannon; Treasurer, Charles Bowman; Chaplain, Adam Lindsay; Marshal, E. Swanton; Ass't. Marshal, James Grosvenor; Guard, John Quigley; Sentinel, John McIntosh. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the A.O.U.W. Hall. It starts out under very auspicious circumstances, and already several applications are ready for the next meeting.

Some Foolish People.

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in many cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial size free. At all druggists.

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A Kirmess.

The TOWNSMAN of last week spoke of a Kirmess soon to be held by the ladies of the November Club. Will the TOWNSMAN of this week kindly reprint the following explanation of the name "Kirmess" for the benefit of others as ignorant as myself.

"The word is an abbreviation or corruption of the word 'Kirmess,' which means simply (Kirmess) church (messe) fair. In the Middle Ages, when travel was both slow and fraught with the dangers of pillage, each hamlet found it the cheapest, safest, and most convenient way of obtaining the wares of the distant city merchants, to hold a regular recurring annual fair on the open place about the village church. A Kirmess was in those days a distinctively commercial gathering suited to the times and the character of society. But as the means of communication became surer, quicker, and cheaper, the old Kirmess gradually lost its distinctively commercial character. Merry making is now the most prominent feature. The Kirmess is still held in the fall after the sheaves and grapes have been gathered in. The stalls of the rafter and tape measurer are less numerous than formerly, but those with gingerbread hearts have become omnipresent. For a week the young folks are deeply engrossed in songs, dancing, and courtship, the confusion of violins, laughing voices, dancing feet is incessant, and then the village folk reluctantly assume their wonted occupations."—Kirmess Record, Blaghampton.

Street Railway Franchise.

VIEWS OF PRESIDENT FERGUSON OF THE MERRIMACK VALLEY ROAD.

The following letter, written by President Ferguson of the Merrimack Valley Street Railway Company, to Superintendent Morton of the same road, has been made public and is self-explanatory:

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1890.

As there has been considerable discussion through the newspapers relative to cities and towns throughout the commonwealth giving franchises to street railway companies without being compensated in any way, I think it is time for the representatives of the street railway companies to be heard in the matter and state their side of the question.

The articles which have come to my notice set forth, among other things: That the franchises are procured without remuneration to the public; that the streets are given up to the monopoly of the street railways without the towns and cities being reimbursed therefor; and in the case of the electric roads, that the danger to life is great; that the profits of the street railway companies are enormous.

In answer to the first statement, I would say that almost every road that has been opened to the public by the street railway companies, has enabled the public to ride from 50 to 100 per cent. cheaper than they could ride on any other public conveyance. As in the case of the proposed extension of the tracks of the Merrimack Valley Horse Railroad to South Andover. The present fare on the steam road is 10 cents between South Andover and Lawrence; it is the intention of the street railway company to charge but 5 cents, and on through cars to Methuen, the same fare will be charged, 5 cents, as at present between Methuen and North Andover. I note this particular case because it comes under the observation of the people of Lawrence and vicinity.

As to the second statement,—that street railway companies occupy the streets of towns and cities without due compensation being given therefor, will say that it is a well-known fact that it is a law of the state that the street railway companies shall construct their tracks in a manner satisfactory to the officers of such municipalities and that they shall ever maintain to their satisfaction the space between the rails and 18 inches outside of each rail, thereby relieving the city or town of the expense of keeping that portion of the street in repair, which will usually average from 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 of the entire street; and that they shall so construct their tracks that carriages and vehicles of any kind can pass over them in safety.

One of the benefits that cities and towns receive from the street railway is the increased valuation of real estate along the line of the route.

In the case of electric roads, the towns and cities throughout the state are demanding much more expensive poles than they ever exacted from the electric light, telegraph, or telephone companies, and the street railway companies have always been willing to meet the demands of the public in this direction. As to the wires that are necessary, in the construction of an electric road, there is not a single instance where a human being has been killed by the current used in the operation of electric cars; while we all know that the electric light companies are obliged to use a deadly current in order to give a satisfactory service.

Regarding the last statement, as to profits that the street railway companies receive, I would say that the public have a wrong idea, as a rule, as to the profits that are derived from street car traffic. According to the last annual report made by the board of railroad commissioners, the dividends from the street railways throughout Massachusetts averaged less than five per cent. on the money invested.

In conclusion, I would say that if too many restrictions are placed upon the street railway companies, and thereby the requirements exacted of them, they will necessarily be unable to give the public the cheap, transportation and efficient service that they now furnish.

W. B. FERGUSON.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A Christmas Prayer.

BY ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

Lord, for the lonely heart
I pray apart.
Now, for the son of sorrow
Whom this to-morrow
Rejoiceth not, O Lord,
Hear my weak word!

For lives too bitter to be borne,
For the tempted and the torn,
For the prisoner in the cell,
For the shame lip doth not tell,
For the haggard suicide,
Peace, peace, this Christmas tide.

Into the desert, trod
By the long sick, O God;
Into the patient gloom
Of that small room
Where lies the child of pain
Of all neglected most—be fain
To enter, healing, and remain.

Now, at the fall of day,
I bow and pray.
For those who cannot sleep
A watch I keep.
Oh, let the starving brain
Be fed, and fed again;
At thy behest
The tortured nerve find rest.

I see the vacant chair,
Father of souls, prepare
My poor thought's feeble power
To plead this hour:

For the empty, aching home
Where the silent footsteps come,
Where the unseen face looks on,
Where the hand-clasp is not felt,
Where the dearest eyes are gone,
Where the portrait on the wall
Stirs and struggles as to speak,
Where the light breath from the hall
Calls the color to the cheek,
Where the voice breaks in the hymn
When the sunset burneth dim,
Where the late, large tear will start,
Froze by the broken heart,
Where the lesson is to learn
How to live, to grieve, to yearn,
How to bear, and how to bow,
Oh, the Christmas that is fled!
Lord of living and of dead,
Comfort Thine!

Newton Highlands, Mass. N. Y. Independent.

Merrimack Valley Congregational Club.

The following are digests of the speeches of the principal speakers at the Merrimack Valley Cong. Club meeting in Haverhill last Monday night:

REV. FREDERIC PALMER.
After witty introductory remarks, Rev. Mr. Palmer came to his subject and said:

The relations of the Puritans to the established church might be set forth according to the story of the owls in Iceland. There were no owls in Iceland. There were no relations. Two misapprehensions in this matter exist everywhere, and these we can best set right by stating two truths. First: The Pilgrim Fathers were not Puritans, and second, the Puritans were not dissenters. The Pilgrim Fathers were Separatists, a body that came into existence about the last of the 16th century. They were persecuted by the Puritans, and a law prohibiting their preaching was passed by a Puritan parliament. There was no love lost between the two. The Pilgrims were those who found themselves out of confidence with the established church that they believed no reform was possible from within. They went over to Leyden and then came to Plymouth. The Puritan sect lived about a hundred years, springing up in the middle of the 16th century. They believed the church could be reformed from within, and always maintained that belief, coming to this country in that belief, and kept it up for over half a century after landing here. You ask why they separated, then? What was each party standing for? The Puritans stood for the great truth of individualism. Each man alone before his God, and any mediation was blasphemy. The man, a single soul, stood alone on a pinnacle between heaven and earth. Such was their truth, and an inestimable service to the world did they do. The established church was proclaiming the organic side of religion, that the man could be complete only in the development of the organization. Both were truths that the world could not do without. The two truths must needs be put one against the other, in antagonism for a while, in order that each should recognize the importance of the other. That age was not tolerant. It could not be, it should not be. The speaker, in closing, referred to the freedom of thought and opinion to-day, to his own denomination, which included high churchmen and low churchmen, and pictured the church of the future, which should be comprehensive enough to include all denominations.

REV. MR. GIFFORD.

Fellow Sufferers—(Began Mr. Gifford) I am very much tossed about to-night—Ladies night celebrating forefathers day—Time brings wondrous changes however, and what even the Puritans and Baptists of 250 years ago may have felt towards each other, I am sure they did not feel as the Puritans here to-night and this particular Baptist feel. To go back a good while there were no Baptists in England in the sixteenth century because all the Episcopalians were Baptists. Three church councils in that year declared in favor of baptism by immersion. That tremendous revolution the reformation began with the common people on the

continent and worked up; in England it began with the king and worked down. Henry VIII wanted to change wives, but not living in Chicago he was obliged to apply to his spiritual chief, the pope. But the pope had some political doubts, and while he was hesitating, Henry grew impatient, and turned Catherine out of court, and declared himself the head of the Church. But many of the parish priests and other ecclesiastics merely swapped saddles without changing horses, and people were found within the church who wanted more general reform. Among these were some base fellows, the Baptists. Then the Puritans came over under Winthrop, 1500 strong. In 20 years they became full fledged independents. They wanted individualism. The Puritans were on the best terms with the Almighty.

In a short time a Welchman came over, named Williams. He landed as a churchman, soon became a Puritan, but by finding too much fault he got himself expelled from Boston. He finally wandered to Providence, and there established a State and a Baptist church. In Boston and Charlestown men followed Williams' example, and declared their doubts on infant baptism. One Obadiah Holmes refused to have his infant baptized, was tried, and upon refusing to pay his fine was whipped. His conscience was more tender and his back tougher than those of to-day, but the example of his martyrdom set his neighbors to thinking, and soon the little Baptist Church in Salem Street was established.

I do not quote these things to find fault with the Puritans, because were we there we should do the same as they did. We can respect one for the courage of their convictions, even though it costs us our lives. The church which the Puritans represent now number 600,000 communicants, while the Baptists have 3,000,000, and had we been persecuted more we might have increased faster.

Two hundred and fifty years ago it would have been impossible for Baptists and Congregationalists to have worshipped under one roof. Two hundred and fifty years hence things may be possible which are not dreamed of to-day. We have common questions of church and state deeper than the questions which separate us to-day. Thank God for the Puritans. They lifted the stones while we sweat hand-lifting bricks. Let us follow them where they were true to God, and let us be true to God wherever we go. If we are loyal to Him we shall have less time to find fault with the creeds of others."

MRS. ALICE FREEMAN PALMER.

Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer of Cambridge gave an interesting address upon "The Relations of the Puritans to the Higher Education of Women," saying, "There were two denominations in the Mayflower's band, and one of these were women, and to-day when I look over all New England, which is now spreading from sea to sea and from the north to the gulf, I find we are still in the majority. There was no higher education for women among the Puritans. But let us look for a moment at the Puritan ideal for men, which has given us the ideal for women to-day. I know of nothing more touching than the laws our Puritans put on their statute books. Not 22 years after their landing, education had been made compulsory, and seven years later every settlement of 100 families must support a school to fit for college, and a little later every 500 families must support two such schools. That was heroism. We don't hear much of the girls. They were busy. They had else to do of more importance. The Massachusetts Bay Colony persisted in this because men as teachers should have education. It was to have a Christian ministry. We are now beginning to understand that men as men, women as women, human souls, have the right to education. We are learning that the wife, mother, and daughter need it equally in the home, the church, the school or the chapel. The best possible education is bound up in the results of Puritanism. It has taken a long time to develop the woman's colleges, and it has required a good deal of Puritanism in our girls. They had to be independent. It had to come. Our brethren have had to give so much time to business that the schools have gone into the hands of the women. It is not a question of whether we will push ourselves forward, but whether we shall do our duty. We cannot complain of the treatment of our girls. Our boys have had no better chance. Business is needing them. They have no time to go to college. It has taken the Puritanism of our girls and their devotion to duty to meet the needs. The spirit of the days of the Puritans has come again to bless us. We may trust the boys and girls of this ancestry to take the best from our colleges and give it to the world. We pray for the sake of the Puritans and for the sake of the multitudes that come from other shores to reap the results of their building, peace be within their walls and prosperity within their palaces.

Heating by Electricity.

Occasionally says the *Traveller*, one hears of electric heating in a vague kind of way, that would hardly lead anybody to suppose practical results had been obtained. But the fact is that the electric heating apparatus is already in quite general use, and that several companies have been formed for its introduction.

(One of the earlier forms of electric heating which was specially designed for street car use, is not unlike an ordinary radiator, and has also been given a shape resembling that of the familiar metal foot warmer. The rapid increase in the number of electric street cars in our northern latitudes has given a stimulus to ingenuity in this field, and a new heater has been brought out, which for simplicity and for economy of space, seems hard to excel.

It consists of a narrow strip or ribbon of asbestos, enclosed in sheet iron, about three inches in width, and one-fourth inch in thickness. This strip is placed under the car seats, extending from one end of the car to the other, and is protected by a wire screen. A second strip of the same dimensions is attached to the first as a compressing plate, and the wires are imbedded in the asbestos. These strips are given a zig-zag form, so as to increase the length of radiating surface exposed in a given area. The current being turned on, the wires, by means of the resistance they are purposely made to offer to the current, become very hot, and this heat is radiated, therefore, steadily and equably throughout the car.

A more agreeable means of heating it would be hard to imagine. No space is taken up by the stove nor are any of the seats rendered unpleasant by proximity to the heating apparatus. One part of a car is just as warm as the other, and by means of various methods of arranging the strips, the degree of heat can be regulated to a nicety. There is no need to get the car ready for the approach of winter, nor to make any special arrangement whatever, other than the simple attachment under the seats of the strips. All that is necessary when heat is wanted is that either the driver of the electric car or the conductor shall switch or turn on the current through the heating apparatus, and thus the same agency which propels the car and lights it also provides it with warmth.

The question which comes into one's mind on riding in one of the many electric cars now equipped in this excellent manner is, why something of the same kind cannot be rendered available for office or household use. The probability is that it soon will be. In speaking of the electric car heating at a recent street railway meeting at Columbus, O., one of the members stated that he had a little heater in his house which the laundress at any time connected up with one of the incandescent lamp sockets, and by means of which the iron gets only so hot and never any hotter.

Cooking is very often done in this way also now, and with the general extension of lighting circuits we may look for an enormous number of inventions in apparatus for using electric heat in the family. The change will go even further than this, for if heat can be brought into an office or a house through the agency of a small wire there is certainly no need to convert the cellar of every house into a miniature coal mine, with all the attendant nuisance of running a furnace or open fires and then getting rid of the ashes. It is quite within the bounds of possibility that at no distant day our heat will be radiated gently for us from the wall paper, and light supplied to us from a luminescent ceiling.—*Cape Ann Advertiser*.

Christmas Decorations.

"The decking of churches, houses, and shops with evergreens at Christmas springs from a period far anterior to the revelation of Christianity, and seems proximately to be derived from the custom prevalent during the Saturnalia of the inhabitants of Rome ornamenting their temples and dwellings with green boughs. From this latter circumstance, we find several early ecclesiastical councils prohibiting the members of the church to imitate the pagans in thus ornamenting their houses. But in process of time the pagan custom was, like others of a similar origin, introduced into and incorporated with the ceremonies of the church itself. . . . It is evident that the use of flowers and green boughs, as a means of decoration, is almost instinctive in human nature; and we accordingly find scarcely any nation, civilized or savage, with which it has not become more or less familiar. The Jews employed it in their Feast of Tabernacles in the month of September; the ancient Druids and other Celtic nations hung up the mistletoe and green branches of different kinds over their doors, to propitiate the woodland sprites; and a similar usage prevailed, as we have seen, in Rome. In short, the feeling thus so universally exhib-

ited is one of natural religion, and therefore not to be traced exclusively to any particular creed or form of worship.

"Slow, that invaluable chronicler, informs us in his 'Survey of London' that 'against the feast of Christmas every man's house, as also their parish churches were decked with holme [the evergreen oak], ivy, bayes, and whatever the season of the year afforded to be green. The conduits and standards in the streets were likewise garnished; among the which I read that in the year 1444, by tempest of thunder and lightning towards the morning of 'Candlemas-day, at the Leadenhall, in Cornhill, a standard of tree, being set up in the midst of the pavement, fast in the ground, nailed full of holme and ivie, for disport of Christmas to the people, was torne up and caste downe by the malignant spirit, as was thought, and the stones of the pavement all about were cast in the streets, and into divers houses, so that the people were sore agahast at the great tempest.'

"The favorite plans for church decoration at Christmas are holly, bay, rosemary and laurel. Ivy is rather objectionable, from its associations, having anciently been sacred to Bacchus, and employed largely in the orgies celebrated in honor of the god of wine. Cypress, we are informed, has been sometimes used, but its funeral relations render it rather out of place at a festive season like Christmas. One plant in special is excluded—the myrtle mistletoe, which, from its antecedents, would be regarded as about as inappropriate to the interior of a church as the celebration of the old druidical rites within the sacred building. A solitary exception to this universal exclusion is mentioned by Dr. Stukeley, who says that it was one time customary to carry a branch of mistletoe in procession to the high altar of York Cathedral, and thereafter proclaim a general indulgence and pardon of sins at the gates of the city. . . . The decorations remain in the churches from Christmas until the end of January, but, in accordance with ecclesiastical canons, they must all be cleared away before the 2d of February or Candlemas Day. The same holds good as a custom with regard to private dwellings, superstition in both cases rendering it a fatal presage if any of these sylvan ornaments are retained beyond the period just indicated. Herck thus alludes to the popular prejudice:

"Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bays and mistletoe,
Down with the holly, ivie, all
Wherewith ye dress the Christmas hall;
That so the superstitious find
No one least branch there left behind;
For look, how many leaves there be
Neglected there, makeb sure to me,
So many goblins you shall see."

—*Chambers' Book of Days in Christian Union*.

The *Century* magazine is running a fast press day and night in order to print the first instalment of the delayed "Talleyrand-Memoirs" in the January number. This same magazine was the first to print, before its appearance in France, the life and literary remains of the great French artist, Jean Francois Millet, and now the *Century* is to bring to light, before they appear in any other country, the long-hidden memoirs of the most famous of French diplomats. This first article will be preceded by what is said to be a brilliant "pen-portrait of Talleyrand, by Minister Whitelaw Reid, who has made the selections from the most interesting chapters of the first volume.

The first instalment of selections from "The Memoirs of Talleyrand," which is to appear in the January *Century*, will contain a sketch of the author's strange and lonely childhood, an account of his entry into Parisian society, his estimate of La Fayette, some account of the beginnings of the French Revolution, a striking passage concerning the Duke of Orleans; an account of Talleyrand's residence in England and America; and of a most interesting conversation between Talleyrand and Hamilton on the subject of Free Trade and Protection.

The *Atlantic* for 1891 will contain The House of Martha, Frank R. Stockton's serial. Contributions from Dr. Holmes, Mr. Lowell and Mr. Whittier; some heretofore unpublished letters by Charles and Mary Lamb; Mr. Percival Lowell will write a narrative of his adventures under the title of *Noto: an Unexplored Corner of Japan*; the Capture of Louisbourg will be treated in a series of papers by Francis Parkman. There will also be short stories and sketches by Rudyard Kipling, Henry James, Sarah Orne Jewett, Octave Thanet, and others. Untechnical papers on questions in modern science will be contributed by Professor Osborn of Princeton, and others; topics in University, Secondary, and Primary education will be a feature. Mr. Richard Watson Gilder, Dr. Parsons, Mrs. Fields, Graham R. Thomson, and others will be among the contributors of poetry. Terms: \$4 a year in advance, postage free; 35 cents a number. With new life-size portrait of Lowell, and also portraits of Hawthorne, Emerson, Longfellow, Bryant, Whittier, or Holmes, \$5; each additional portrait, \$1.
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CONDENSED NEWS.

Thursday, Dec. 18.

Orick, a village in Missouri, lost its entire business portion by fire.

Four Hungarians were killed in a mine near Hasleton, Pa., by a fall of coal.

Hon. Potiphar Peabody is one of the ornaments of the Georgia legislature.

P. T. Barnum has almost entirely recovered from his recent serious illness.

Mr. Dillon's lawyer hopes Parnell will win in Kilkenny, as a measure of bringing peace.

The Missouri Pacific directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

A highly respected jeweller of Billston, N. Y., was arrested for safe robbery and burglary.

The New Hampshire State Grange does not favor the Farmers' Alliance sub-treasury scheme.

Michael Davitt and the priests are said to have led the attack with lime bags on Mr. Parnell.

B. D. Judd & Co.'s block in Bristol, R. I., was badly set by fire. Loss about \$200. Insured.

Congressman Simonds of Connecticut may succeed Col. Stackpole on the board of general appraisers.

Mrs. Sarah McCormick was fatally burned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp in her apartments in New York.

The chairman of a relief meeting in Ghill, Ire., says the people are saved from starvation wholly by help from England.

A lawyer's young clerk in Chicago made his will, stripped himself and put a bullet through his lungs in his employer's office.

In the Frost Proof Car company controversy, General Manager Furber of the Boston and Maine railroad has made concessions.

At the session of the Maine State Grange, a resolution of inquiry was offered to investigate the cause of the depopulation of farms.

The Empress Eugenie is reported to be a heavy loser by the recent depreciation in South American securities, as she had invested largely in them.

The city of New Haven, through its corporation council, gave formal notice of intention to petition the next general assembly for a new charter.

Vice President Morton is said to consider presiding over the senate the hardest work he ever did in his life. It is a task that makes him nervous and timid.

The director of the mint announces that having purchased the full amount of silver authorized by law for the current month, no further purchases will be made until Jan. 2, 1891.

Friday, Dec. 19.

Mrs. O'Shea has gone to Paris.

Another son has been born to Emperor William.

The strike of switchmen on the Union Pacific road is extending.

H. H. Funk, stockman and speculator, Shelbyville, Ill., has failed.

The Spokane National bank, Spokane Falls, Wash., has suspended.

Currier & Sons' shoe factory was burned at Haverhill, Mass. Loss \$43,000.

The Grand hotel at Margate, the English watering place, was burned.

Adolphe Belotte, the French dramatist and novelist, is dead. He was born in 1839.

The president, it is understood, will veto the bill for a public building at Bar Harbor.

Hon. Mr. Tupper states that Secretary Blaine refuses to leave the Behring Sea matter to arbitration.

Masked men in Kansas forcibly removed tenants on foreclosed property and reinstated the former owners.

A reduction of wages at the Lackawanna Coal and Iron company's mills Jan. 1 has been announced.

Weather Prophet Levi Beebe of Bear-town mountain predicts a two-foot snow fall on the New England coast.

Tests of small caliber rifles and smokeless powder are to be made by a board appointed by the secretary of war.

The five Indian policemen killed in the fight with Sitting Bull's followers have been buried with military honors.

A fire at Waycross, Ga., burned the Grand Central hotel and a brick block adjoining. Loss \$95,000; partly insured.

The silk mills of Sulybach, Wengio & Holker, College Point, L. I., have been attached under a judgment for nearly \$100,000.

Popular prejudice against Sir Charles Russell is said to have been potent in causing the verdict in the Marks libel suit.

Sir Walter Bartlett, father of Maj. Bartlett, says that Stanley's charges were made to cover up his own shortcomings.

Saturday, Dec. 20.

A New Bedford schooner was wrecked off Turtle Gut.

Kilkenny women have issued an address denouncing Parnell.

Railroad switchmen in the west have secured an advance in wages.

Four Flathead Indians were executed at Missoula, Mont., for murder.

An incendiary fire did \$70,000 damage at Boonville, Warwick county, Ind.

Canon Coffey says it was mud and not lime that was thrown at Mr. Parnell.

It is reported that the new British protected cruiser Latona has gone ashore.

The steamship Lahn brought to New York 501,350 pounds in gold coins and bars.

The Bradford, Eng., Chamber of Commerce asks for a discriminating duty on French wines.

A member of the British parliament says the Behring Sea dispute will be settled this winter.

County Clare moonlighters were found guilty and sentenced to one year to life imprisonment.

William H. English of Indiana, ex-candidate for vice-president, is writing a history of Hoosierdom.

The Kearsarge is in quarantine at Port Royal, S. C., having had a severe outbreak of dengue fever on board.

Dr. Petit, a French medical man, has produced a lymph which he claims is as efficacious as that of Dr. Koch.

President Fish of the Illinois Central railroad pronounces the new agreement the most feasible yet presented.

The American Marble company of Atlanta, Ga., was placed in the hands of a receiver. Assets \$150,000; liabilities \$300,000.

Princess Beatrice is preparing tableaux vivants on a scale to exceed all previous efforts for the Christmas festivities at Osborne.

Sunday, Dec. 21.

The Bath Iron works is to build the American ram.

A young colored man was tarred and

feathered at Bennett's Mills, N. J., by way of a joke.

One man attempted to rob a pay train near Woodville, Miss.

Nearly 90,000 barrels of cranberries were shipped from Cape Cod this season.

Hon. William T. Parker of 'Thornton's Ferry,' N. H., an ex-president of the state senate, is said to be sick.

The Roman Catholic society of Newmarket, N. H., has purchased a lot of land and will erect a house of worship.

Charles Chase and Michael Callahan were held for the grand jury at Salem, Mass., for the murder of James M. Lusk.

Ex-President Cleveland has accepted an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Indianapolis Tariff Reform league in March and will be one of the speakers at a banquet given by the league.

John Joseph Mullen, a 16-year-old Worcester boy who has been missing from his home, has been found in New York. He was trying to get employment, but had poor success on account of his youth.

Monday, Dec. 22.

Two persons were killed by the cars at Nottingham, O.

The schooner John Stockham was sunk off Falkner's Island.

An incendiary fire in a Dunbury, Conn., lumber yard caused a heavy loss.

An Ohio murderer, finding that he could not escape capture, committed suicide.

Nobody appeared in court to prosecute Broker Stafford of Chicago, accused of embezzlement.

Nell F. Doherty of Boston won the heavyweight boxing championship of the Amateur Athletic union.

The Jamestown (N. Y.) Electric Light company's plant was destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$30,000.

Rosa Krohn, a member of "The Clemenceau Case" company, attempted suicide at the Park theatre, Boston.

James N. Carleton of Haverhill, Mass., has agreed to give the Y. M. C. A. of that city the first and last \$300 toward a \$75,000 building.

Henry Watterson, the distinguished southern editor, and wife celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Saturday evening. Congratulatory messages were received to the number of more than 2000, about half of which were by wire.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.

A New York Catholic church was damaged \$75,000 by fire.

Wisconsin insurance companies are reported in bad shape.

Col. Corbin says the end of the Indian scare is very near.

Spotted fever is raging with fatal results in Fairfield, Tex.

When the Howard Athenaeum (Boston) orchestra was rehearsing one member fell dead.

A man representing himself as a missionary has lured many people at Ma's Landing, N. J.

Henry M. and Mrs. Stanley will spend Christmas with Maj. and Mrs. Pond at Fort Scott, Kan.

The Boston Chamber of Commerce adopted resolutions favoring reciprocity with Newfoundland.

It is claimed that the verdict in the Eyraud case is annulled because one of the jurors was a bankrupt.

An Iowa clergyman refused to read the funeral services over the body of a man who died of alcoholism.

George Waverly, a former employee of John Steaton, Boston, was put on trial on the charge of embezzlement.

An act is to be submitted to the Illinois legislature that is intended to prevent any repetition of the Keau failure.

John Larmonth, manufacturer of threshing machines, Montreal, has abandoned his estate. His liabilities are \$67,000.

A British war vessel has left Portsmouth with a load of meal and potatoes for the suffering inhabitants of Galway, Ire.

During a quarrel among gamblers at Bramwell, W. Va., one man fatally shot five of his companions and was himself killed.

The Providence common council appropriated \$75,000 for three new school houses and also an ordinance creating a park commission.

A petty swindle which is not without its funny aspect, has been perpetrated on United States senators, who have been contributing money and silver mugs to an imaginary boy in Baltimore, which, it is alleged, has been named in their honor.

Wednesday, Dec. 24.

East Boston was visited by a \$13,000 fire.

There was a \$25,000 fire at Haverhill, Mass.

A sugar house in Louisiana was burned; loss \$100,000.

The Athol fire is thought to be of incendiary origin.

R-republicans are planning to pass the rule limiting debate.

There are several new cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria in Malden, Mass.

New Orleans is afflicted with the influenza, and the death rate is very heavy.

An attempt is to be made to force the free coinage of silver under existing laws.

Permission was given to a leaking Gloucester boat to sell her cargo of fish in Halifax.

A falling wall in the stock yards, Chicago, killed two men; and fatally injured two others.

Birchall's widow, it is said, is to marry the college chum of her late husband, Arthur Latham.

The senate finance committee has restored the 2 per cent. bond proposition to the financial scheme.

Senator Farwell of Illinois denies that he has any intention of withdrawing from the contest for re-election.

The arrest took place in Red Cloud's camp of the blanketed Memah, who proves to be a crank from Iowa.

The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Homoeopathic Fraternity in Boston was celebrated by a banquet.

Vanderbilt lines approve the proposition of an association of eastern railroads, and elected delegates to an advisory council.

The house proposes to adjourn over Christmas, and, by repeated adjournments, will make up for the usual holiday recess.

The proposed unloading of the cargo of oil of a storm-beaten ship at Halifax has called out a strong protest from Admiral Watson.

A smokeless powder of higher explosive power than ordinary powder is being manufactured at the torpedo station, Newport.

An overheated stove caused a fire in the building of the Edgewood company in New Haven which did a damage of \$3000. Fully insured.

The senate confirmed the nomination of H. L. Hines as surveyor of customs at Springfield, Mass., and of N. P. Noyes as postmaster at Stonington, Conn.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1890.

It is pleasant to note the increasing interest in the annual Christmas festival, an interest seemingly to grow with each succeeding year, and which now pervades every community in its churches and other organizations, and in the home. And not only as a religious festival is it observed, but the making of gifts has an attractiveness, this time more than at any other, for all organizations and benevolent persons. The great newspaper takes the Christmas season as an appropriate time in which to give valuable presents to popular competitors, the prosperous firm make a merry Christmas for employees with a bright coin for each or a substantial part of the dinner, and in every phase of life is seen the overflow of joy and contentment brought on by the Christmas season. This is good; no better time could there be, and the greater lessons of life should have deeper root in all lives because of the teachings of this time of the year. Andover's Christmas Day seems to have been an especially enjoyable one, and in our news columns will be found the details of many of the larger gatherings of the week. Peace and prosperity have indeed been upon us, and He, whose day we celebrate, has brought "good will to men" in a large measure during the year now closing.

Credos and denominations were no barriers to the heartiest enjoyment on the part of Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Baptists, and Unitarians of the Merrimack Valley Club meeting at Haverhill last Monday night. They were all there, and there was no question of their "relations" to one another if there was of their relation to the Puritans. Mr. Palmer, of our own town, made an admirable address, and proved himself a most entertaining after-dinner speaker. His bright sallies and apt illustrations were woven into a very valuable and instructive address, and the other speakers were equally as enjoyable. It was one of the best of the club's meetings.

A postal card canvass among the farmers of New England by a Springfield paper has brought out a decided preference for Blaine for presidential candidate in 1892, on the part of the republicans, and Cleveland on the part of the Democrats. Certainly, all the signs point to Blaine and Cleveland.

The business outlook is not an encouraging one in these closing days of 1890. The depression in the stock market is hard to recover from, and the tight money market is not yet a thing of the past. We read of these things and are wont to think they afflict only large interests, but in these days when we all are more than ever in touch with one another, the great interests are common interests. The business of the Christmas season in Boston is reported to have suffered a great deal from this business depression, many of the large stores feeling the dull trade, very severely. This is not a pleasant feeling with which to enter the new year, and only the most careful and conservative management will avert disaster from any businesses in the next month.

A great snow storm is predicted for to-day and to-morrow, the weather bureau sending out bulletins to that effect to many parts of New England. It would be almost as big a show as Barnum's to see a fall of snow that would cover walls and fences as the snow storms used to do "when we were boys."

Christmas.

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! and merry indeed was this joyous time in 1890. Preceded by pleasant days, the day itself was ushered in by one of the grandest of winter sunrises, and a bright moon in the evening shed its rays on many a party finding pleasure in the swift coast, skating on the ice, or in the enjoyment of the sleighing. The Christmas days are rare when all of these sports may be engaged in, and yesterday's opportunities were enjoyed to the utmost by the youth, and even many passed that time in life. Christmas gifts have poured into town in large quantities the past week and the mails and express of Wednesday and Thursday were loaded with every conceivable kind of package. The dealers report a very good trade and it is a good sign of Andover's home interest to note that a large part of the Christmas shopping of Andover people has been done at home.

There were probably more Christmas trees in the homes of our town than ever before, but the home tree was for the home circle and so our readers may take a glimpse in our columns of the public gatherings only.

The Sabbath School of the South Church was given a very enjoyable Christmas entertainment in the vestry Tuesday evening. Besides the school, there were many older ones present who seemed to enjoy themselves just as much as the younger ones. In one corner of the vestry was a prettily decorated Christmas tree, but instead of a present for each scholar, all of the gifts were presented to the Seaman's Friend Society of Boston, and consisted of comfort bags, filled with useful articles for the sailors. This was a pleasant way indeed for the Sunday School to have a Merry Christmas. Superintendent Alden opened the exercises with appropriate remarks in which he presented the bags to Dea. George Gould, who is treasurer at the South Church for the Seaman's Society. After prayer by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Blair, the exercises were continued with music by the Victor Banjo Club consisting of eight members. The selection was well played and received an encore. They also appeared again later, and as before were loudly applauded and recalled. Lieut. Wadhams, U. S. N. made one of his characteristic entertaining addresses on the sailor, which pleased both old and young.

Dea. Gould responded for the Seaman's Society with brief remarks. The rest of the evening was spent pleasantly with games, conversation and a general social time. It was on the whole a most enjoyable evening.

The Sunday-School of Christ Church enjoyed its annual Christmas festival on Wednesday evening. A 7 o'clock there was a short service in the church, and then adjournment was made to the vestry, where H. H. Tyler and William Charnley distributed from the heavily loaded Christmas trees, presents for the members of the school. The rector, Rev. Frederic Palmer, was presented by the school with a handsome set of Browning's works. A lunch and a social time followed, all of which went to make a most enjoyable evening.

The Baptist Church Sabbath School, according to its usual custom held a Christmas gathering Wednesday evening and it proved a most enjoyable occasion. Supper was served, after which there was a short entertainment consisting of readings, singing, etc., all of which was preparatory to the distribution of gifts from a handsome looking and well laden tree.

Christmas was a pleasant day for the inmates of the almshouse for each received a bag of fruit and confectionery by the kindness of Selectmen Peter D. Smith and Smith & Manning. There were also many private contributions and the distribution of necessary articles of wearing apparel by Mrs. Allen.

Impressions of Andover.

Prof. D. W. Simon of Edinburgh gives the following interesting glimpse of Andover in an interesting letter to the Congregationalist of this week:

Andover, set on a hill—how I did envy its professors and students, not in the sense of wishing them fewer advantages, but others more. A strange mixture of circumstances marked the day of my visit. Professor Phelps was being buried, the youth of the Academy were playing a foot ball match with a team from Harvard, and not playing silently, and the landscape could scarcely put on a brighter, more brilliant, more vari-colored garb. In the light of the setting sun some of the trees were like pyramids of gold, others like gold sprinkled with blood, others again almost like crimson, and these were framed by the distant blue hills. I revelled in the sight. I was unfortunate enough to miss all the teachers on whom I called save my old friend Professor Park, under whose hospitable roof and in whose most genial company I spent the night. He, of course, treated me to some good Yankee yarns. I trust the cloud that has for some time been darkening the Seminary may soon give place to a season well symbolized by the glorious afternoon on which I visited it. Apparatus, external surroundings, means of support, tradition, enthusiasm—all are there. May they bear ample fruit!

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Burglars.

SEVERAL HOUSES ENTERED.

Once more burglars have visited our usually quiet community and succeeded in covering up their tracks so that no clue to them can be found. Last Monday night was the time chosen for their operations, and though they entered several residences, only one has missed any thing, and that is William T. Jackson, who occupies what was Davis Hall at Abbot Academy. Here they gave the lower part of the house a thorough ransacking. Entrance was gained through a side door by turning the key with nippers. Things were found in a general confused condition in the morning, there being buried matches lying around, also orange peel, the intruders evidently having feasted themselves on the fruit on the sideboard. A curious fact is that they left several pieces of silver of the same kind that they took and also some money and other things which would naturally have been taken. As it was several articles of silver and jewelry, and a small amount of money were taken away.

At the residence of Mr. Duley on Morton St. they forced their way into the cellar by working at the door until it became unhasped, and went over the house, but nothing was missed in the morning.

Then they took out a cellar window in front of Chapman's store, and it was found on the back side of the building Tuesday morning. Here they could evidently get no farther than the cellar.

Williams S. Jenkins' house was probably next visited. They tried a side door, but a bolt stopped them there. Then they forced up a window and got into the kitchen. The servant girl heard a noise and got up, but finally returned, thinking that it was some one of the family. But the burglars evidently were frightened, away, and left without doing any damage or stealing anything.

A key in the door of A. S. Manning's house also had the appearance of being tampered with, but ample security prevented any success there.

Chief-of-Police Cheever is doing all that is possible to get track of the perpetrators, but it is doubtful if any trace of them is found.

Since the above was written it has been learned that the burglars visited the building formerly known as South Hall, of Abbot Academy, which is now situated on Abbot Street, and removed \$65 which belonged to P. J. Dwane, who sleeps there.

An Evening with Dickens.

A fair-sized audience was present at the entertainment in the Punchard Hall last Friday night, for the benefit of the school cadets. The subject as named above was very appropriately chosen and showed the results of hard and persistent practice on the part of the performers. The parts were all well taken, and the audience fully appreciated this fact by liberal applause. It would be unjust to give individual praise although, perhaps, some did better than others, but all evidently tried their best to rightly portray the characters, and the evening's programme may be justly called a success. The programme follows, but beside what appears in this there were several tableaux to illustrate different parts, all of which were nicely done:

PART FIRST.

Instrumental Duet: Prince Imperial Galop. Messrs. James and Smith.

Micawber Triumphant, scene from David Copperfield.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Wilkins Micawber, S. S. Bell
Uriah Heep, P. J. Roberts
Charles Baldwin, S. S. Bell
David Copperfield, A. J. Remington
Betsey Trotwood, Miss Jennie U. Piddington
Mrs. Micawber, Miss Gertrude Burt

Ballad: The Ivy Green, words from Pickwick Miss Marion Chandler. (Papers.)

PART SECOND.

A Christmas Carol, in Three Staves. CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Ebenezer Scrooge, E. W. Farmer
Jacob Marley, the shadow, P. J. Roberts
Fred, Scrooge's nephew, S. S. Bell
Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's clerk, A. J. Remington
Tiny Tim, J. E. Chandler
Boy, Charles Boone
The Ghost of Christmas Past, Gertrude Holt
The Ghost of Christmas Present, C. H. Kames
The Ghost of Christmas to Come, William S. Cutler

Phillips Academy Notes.

The Academy closed Monday for a vacation lasting until January 7.

The Philomathean Society has elected officers for the coming term as follows: President, J. A. Powell of Brooklyn; vice-President, T. B. Williams of Millwood, Vt.; Secretary, L. H. Porter of Stamford, Conn.; Treasurer, H. N. Hyde of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mirror Editors, Messrs. Thomson of New York, McLanahan of Washington, Bumstead of Atlanta.

The officers of the Society of Inquiry for next term are: President, J. Ogilvie of Lawrence; vice-President, G. S. McLaren of Thompsonville, Conn.; Secretary, A. T. Robinson of Andover; Treasurer, H. T. Mann of West Randolph, Vt.

G. H. McClellan of the Academy is the exclusive agent for Andover for the work just issued by the Century Co., entitled "Abraham Lincoln: A History."

Townsend, Stover, and Knapp have been elected as the base-ball committee for the coming season.

The Philo Mirror, which appeared last Saturday, is a very attractive looking book; and its contents show careful work by the editors. Typographically it is an excellent piece of work. It was printed at the office of the Andover Press.

Obituary.

The community received another surprise this week by the announcement of the sudden death of Horace Wilson, which occurred at his home on School St. last Saturday evening. He had been out driving in the afternoon, but soon after his return about 4.30, he was stricken down with apoplexy and in two hours had passed away. Decedent was born in Deering, N. H., in 1823 and was consequently 67 years old at the time of his death. He came to this town quite early in life and has been a long and well known resident. He was a carpenter by trade and also a thorough mechanic. He worked in the shop of Jacob Chickering, was for a short time a member of the firm of Abbott, Thompson and Wilson and also carried on business for himself until a few years, when declining health compelled him to give it up. He was married in 1852 and lived for sometime in the house of Mrs. Gleason on Essex Street. Afterward building the house on School St. where he has since resided. He also built another house on his land now occupied by Charles Frye. Mr. Wilson was a quiet and reserved man, and strictly honest and upright in all his dealings. Funeral services occurred at his late home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. J. Blair officiating. Interment took place in the South cemetery.

MRS. MARGARET M. GLEASON.

One of the town's well-known women, Mrs. Margaret M. Gleason, died of heart disease at her home on Essex Street, Sunday, bringing to an end a long and lingering illness. Mrs. Gleason was the widow of the late Gamaliel Gleason of this town. She was born in Bedford, N. H., 70 years ago, but her residence in Andover has been a long and useful one. Her circle of friends was unlimited, for to know her was to like her, being of a kind, sympathetic disposition. A devoted member of the South Church, she was interested in all its works of charity, and many a person can testify to her kindness in time of sickness or adversity. She was also an especial friend of the soldiers, and her work for them was of no small amount. In the home her pleasant and motherly ways asserted themselves, and there, as well as by all who knew her, her loss will be keenly felt and mourned. Private funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. J. Blair, and the remains were taken to Bedford, N. H., Wednesday, for interment. She leaves one son, Moores E. White.

A Sound Legal Opinion.

E. Bainbridge, Munday Esq., County Atty. Clay Co., Tex., says "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life." Mr. D. L. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: "He positively believes he would have died, had it not been for Electric Bitters." This great remedy will ward off, as well as cure all Malarial diseases, and for Kidneys, Liver and Stomach disorders stands unequalled. Price 50c. and \$1. at all Drugstores.

Sunday Services for Dec. 28.

SOUTH CHURCH.—10.30 A.M. Rev. J. J. Blair the pastor will preach. Sunday School at noon. Evening service at 7.15.

CHRIST CHURCH.—Morning service at 10.30. Evening service at 7.15. The Rector, Rev. Frederic Palmer, will preach in the morning and in the evening. Sunday School at 12 M.

FREE CHURCH.—Sermon at 10.30 by Rev. F. A. Wilson. Sunday School at 12 M. Sunday School concert at 6 P.M. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 P.M.

CHAPEL.—Sermons by Prof. Gulliver. Morning at 10.30. Afternoon at 3 P.M.

WEST CHURCH.—Preaching service at 10.30 by Rev. Frederic W. Greene. Sunday school at 12 M. Evening at 7 in the vestry, also in Osgood and Abbott districts.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Preaching at 10.30 by Rev. H. R. Wilbur. Evening service at 7 P.M.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—Services at 8.30 A.M. and 3.30 P.M. 10.30 A.M. High Mass and sermon by Rev. J. J. Ryan.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of letters advertised Dec. 22.

Beale, Adolor Driscoll, John M.
Brown, Mrs. Susie Gould, Wm. H.
Byron, Mrs. L. Greg, Mrs. Florence
Currier, Dr. E. M. Moore, Miss M.
Conolly, John Morrison, Miss M.
Corning, Mary J. Randall, Chas.
Driscoll, Mrs. Frank Sullivan, Ellen
Care S. C. Chever.

MARRIAGES.

In Andover, Dec. 24, by Rev. F. A. Wilson, Rufus F. McDonald of Lowell and Mary A. Miller of town.

In Andover, Dec. 24, by Rev. F. A. Wilson, James Fraser and Elizabeth E. Gordon, both of town.

In Andover, Dec. 24, by Rev. F. A. Wilson, John C. Smith and Nellie E. Buchanan, both of Andover.

In Andover, Dec. 24, by Rev. H. R. Wilbur, William Wood and Mary Hunter.

DEATHS.

In Andover, Dec. 30, Horace Wilson aged 67 years, 10 months and 9 days.

In Andover, Dec. 31, Margaret M. (Moore) Gleason aged 70 years, 7 months and 1 day.

If your house is on fire, you put water on the burning timbers, not on the smoke. And if you have catarrh you should attack the disease in the blood, not in your nose. To do this, take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, which permanently cures catarrh.

Intermediate Scholars' Entertainment.

A more happy and pleased gathering of people could hardly be imagined than those parents and friends who assembled in the Grammar School Hall last Saturday afternoon to witness an entertainment by the pupils of the South Centre School. From the time the scholars marched into the hall until the very end there was not a break in the exercises, which fact reflects great credit upon the teachers for their untiring efforts in drilling them. There was a large attendance and everyone was delighted, for it was hardly expected that the children would do so well. The teachers in this school are Misses McLawlin, Richardson, Smith, Langlands, and Abbott. The programme of the afternoon opened with remarks of welcome by Master George Chandler. Then came the recitation, "The Little Helpers;" piano solo, Arline Manning; "Sitting up for Santa Claus," represented by twelve girls and boys, who sat up so long that they finally went to sleep, and while they were in this condition Santa Claus, in the person of Sydney McCurdy, came and put night caps on their heads, and silently stole away; recitation by Bradford Clement, Cliffe Burns, and Ralph Bailey; piano solo, Helen Bodwell. The final number was the Mother Goose Cantata, and this was done in an excellent manner. Little Mary Bancroft, as Mother Goose, fairly outdid herself, and carried out her part to perfection. The rest of her family all did well, Simple Simon, Little Bo-Peep, the Old Woman in the Shoe, and the rest. Santa Claus finally appeared, and left presents of cards for all the school, which closed these very pleasant exercises.

Abbott Village.

John Smith and family of Crescent Beach spent Christmas with friends in town.

A special meeting of the Andover Burns Club will be held in the basement of the New Hall to-morrow (Saturday) evening, to consider the question of celebrating the poet's anniversary. A full attendance is particularly requested.

The fine skating on the mill pond has been enjoyed by the young people of the village this week.

The homestead of George Buchan, in West Parish presented a very pleasant appearance Wednesday evening, the occasion being the marriage of his fourth daughter, Nellie W., to John C. Smith of Frye Village. The marriage ceremony which was performed by Rev. F. A. Wilson, of the Free Church, was very pleasing and attractive. Mr. Alex. Sheriff of Lawrence was best man, and Miss Annie L. Buchan was bridesmaid. Immediately afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Smith received the congratulations and good wishes of their many friends assembled. After the sumptuous repast a social dance was engaged in, to the evident satisfaction of all. The gifts they received were both useful and ornamental, and there were plenty of each. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Frye Village.

William Wood and Mary Hunter were married Wednesday evening at the home of John Killackey by Rev. H. R. Wilbur. The new couple received many presents and the best wishes of their friends. There was a reception after the ceremony.

On Wednesday evening occurred also the marriage of James Fraser and Miss Elizabeth Gordon of Frye Village. Rev. F. A. Wilson performed the ceremony at the home of the groom on Cuba Street. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser gave their friends a reception after the marriage service, and they were the recipients of many pretty gifts. They will soon occupy the house in which Mr. Sewall Stott now lives.

Miss Bella Lunan broke her wrist Tuesday by falling on the ice while walking to her work in the Smith & Dove mill.

Frye Village.

David Kinley of Hopkins University is at home spending the holidays.

James Campbell has been kept from work this week by illness.

Rev. C. Nelson of the advanced class in the Seminary preached in the Hall Sunday evening on the text, Matt. 1:23. He will have charge again next Sunday night and there should be a large attendance.

Patrick Gorman of Boston visited at the home of the Misses Phillips yesterday.

John Birnie, of New York, is spending a short time with his parents. He is accompanied by Mr. George Thompson and wife of the same place.

John C. Smith and wife will occupy the tenement recently vacated by William Letich.

On Wednesday evening at 6.45 occurred the marriage of Rufus F. McDonald of Lowell, and Mary A. Miller of this village. The ceremony was performed at the Free Church parsonage by Rev. F. A. Wilson. After this there was a reception at the bride's home, at which the happy couple received many congratulations and well wishes. Their numerous presents made a very pretty display. They will reside in Lowell.

The Handsomest Lady in Town.

Remarkable to a friend the other day that she knew Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs was a sincere remedy, as it stopped her cold instantly when other cough remedies had no effect whatever. So to prove this and convince you of its merits any druggist will give you a Sample Bottle Free. Large size 50c. and 61.

BALLARDVALE.

The entertainment in Bradlee Hall last Friday evening, under the auspices of Lincoln Lodge A. O. U. W. was for the purpose of arousing interest in that order here. Very few were present excepting the crowd of hoodlums who occupied the rear seats. Mr. A. E. Hulme opened the entertainment with a cornet solo and was followed by Miss Ida Emery of Lawrence, a soprano with a pretty voice. Mr. Rankin, of Malden, was then introduced and spoke interestingly of the order and its work. Supt. of Schools Halstead followed, reciting a selection and speaking a few words also for the organization. The shameful interruptions of a party of half-grown men and boys in the rear of the hall were simply disgraceful and wholly without excuse. It was the worst exhibition of ignorant hoodlumism that ever occurred here and the perpetrators must feel proud of their share in nearly spoiling an evening's enjoyment.

John S. Dearborn is repainting the bridge.

Miss Bradlee has made a Christmas present of \$100 to each of our three churches, the Methodist, Catholic, and Congregational.

The Imperial Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Quartette of Boston, will furnish the entertainment in the Bradlee Course next Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st.

The annual meeting of the Mutual Aid Association of the Craighead & Kintz Co. was held last Saturday evening. The officers elected were substantially the same as last year, viz.: President, Charles Wombwell; vice-President, William Sleath; Treasurer, Chas. Fisher; Secretary, W. E. Clemons; Auditors, Elmer H. Shattuck, F. X. Trotter, and William Froese. The report of the Treasurer for the past six months is as follows:

Total Receipts,	\$351.55
Expenditures,	
Printing,	\$11.75
Paid members withdrawing,	10.21
Paid sick benefits,	75.00
Sinking fund,	44.80
Surplus divided among members,	209.79
Total,	\$351.55

The cost to each member to carry an insurance amounting to \$100 against sickness has been 25 cents for six months. It would pay employees of large manufacturing concerns to investigate. The census officers at Washington lately sent on for information in regard to it.

The J. P. Bradlee Engine Co. came near enough to the prize winner to secure a souvenir, Dickens' "Christmas Carols," which was to be given to the twenty polling the most votes.

The Cosmopolitan Singing Society held their usual Christmas tree last evening, at their hall. The exercises, which are always very pretty, were much the same this year as last.

Messrs. Haynes and Scott's ice-boat was cruising on the river about all day yesterday, and some good sailing was done.

The Y.L.P.U. gave a farewell reception and banquet Wednesday evening, to Clemons Kintz, who leaves to-day for his new home in Pittsburgh. Mr. Kintz has been a very active and earnest member of the society and one whom everybody liked. Y.L.P.U. Hall was tastefully decorated by the committee in charge. Jos. Stott presided at the organ, and there was instrumental music by Messrs. Ross and Marland. The Page Catering Company of Lawrence provided the banquet, which was spread in one of the upper rooms of the old school building, and it was of their highest character, which will guarantee its excellence. Games, music, and speaking made up the programme of amusements. An autograph album having the names of all present, was presented him as a remembrance of the occasion.

The Christmas exercises of the Union Church Sunday-School were held at Bradlee Hall, Christmas eve. Though preparations were not as elaborate as usual, a pleasant time is reported by those attending. All of the children and many older ones received presents. The tree for the benefit of the children of the Methodist Sunday-School was also despoiled of its fruit Christmas evening. Many presents were on it, and none were slighted.

Lowell F. Achorn, formerly of town, writes from Spanna, Ga., that he is getting along nicely, and has built the past season, a tram-road locomotive which is considered equal to anything of the kind in the entire South.

The Craighead & Kintz Co. has been awarded a second award of a silver medal for their exhibit at the Mechanics Fair.

A fishing party went to Foster's pond yesterday, after pickerel. L. A. Penney caught the first and finest fish. Ten others were taken by other members of the party, which consisted of Messrs. E. B. Pearson, Charles Greene, W. F. and L. A. Penney, and Clemons Kintz.

E. C. Clay of Malden, visited Mrs. E. F. Small yesterday.

LAWRENCE.

Tuesday evening a young lady, who was waiting for a horse car at the corner of Hampshire and Essex Streets, was knocked down by a horse and sleigh occupied by two young men. She was quite severely injured about the face and back.

At the Opera House next Monday evening the attraction will be the celebrated "Clemenceau Case" which the Boston Board of Aldermen pronounced against sometime ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wood celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage Tuesday evening.

Pedrick & Closson, who sold the Gale's Hill property, have sent in their account of it to the city treasurer. It was as follows:

Gale estate,	\$208.20
Bartlett estate,	315.00
Lane estate,	1116.25
Essex Street bridge and buttresses,	301.48
Rest of Gale house to April 1, 1891,	100.00
Total,	\$2008.91

The fifth entertainment in the Old Residents' Course takes place next Monday night in City Hall. It will consist of a concert by the New York English Ballard Company: Mme. Honking, soprano; Mme. Jule de Ryther, contralto; W. H. Rieger, tenor; Carl E. Dufft, baritone; and Adolf Glöse, piano soloist.

No more transfer checks will be issued by the conductors of the Merrimack Valley Street Railway Company. The matter has been abused, so that a new plan was necessary. Hereafter there will be a man at the Essex Street station when each car arrives with transfer tickets, and they can be obtained only from him.

Rhodes' Laundry, on Broadway, was burglarized between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. Sunday. Entrance was effected through a rear window, the glass being cut with a diamond, and the catch unlocked. A pair of buckskin gloves, pair of skates, and a bunch of keys were taken. The drawers in the office were ransacked, but no money was found.

Three of City Marshall Vose's children are ill, and under the care of a physician.

A sneak thief was taken in Saturday afternoon by Officers Benoit and Sullivan on Hampshire Street. A valuable overcoat had been stolen from a room on Essex Street, and this fellow looking suspicious was arrested. He answered to the name of Frank Murphy, alias McCarthy. The coat was recovered at Goleberg's second hand clothing store, and Murphy was identified as the man who pawned the coat. He received a sentence of twelve months.

The Caledonian fair closed Saturday evening, having been a good financial success.

Forefathers Night.

The meeting of the Merrimack Valley Congregational Club at Haverhill last Monday night was a very enjoyable one and largely attended, many being present from Andover. At the business meeting the following were elected to membership in the club: Henry C. Church, Dea. John T. Carter, John Burke, Aaron Blanchard, Lowell; F. S. Boutwell Andover; Rev. Willis A. Hadley, Newburyport; Chas. N. Dyer, Haverhill. The nominating committee reported the following names as approved for membership and to be voted on at the next meeting: W. A. Chandler of Tewksbury; G. M. Ward, Dr. J. F. Field, Edward T. Rowe, Daniel R. Wallace of Lowell; Perry M. Jefferson of Tewksbury; E. H. Archibald of Lawrence; W. H. Terrill of Andover.

One of Tanner's best snappers was served in the vestry of the North Church and the evening discussion was then taken up. "The Puritans in their relations to the various Denominations" could not fail to be of interest when discussed by such entertaining speakers as Rev. Mr. Palmer of Andover, Rev. O. P. Gifford of Boston and Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer of Cambridge. To relieve our news columns we have printed their addresses in condensed form on page two; The reading of them will prove only one remove, in interest, from the hearing of them.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury, and is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure, be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Sold by Druggists price 75 cents per bottle.

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We Never Do Things by Halves,

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USEFUL HOLIDAY ARTICLES FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

N. B. It has always been a difficult task to preserve Fancy Goods' Fine Laces, Trimmings and other delicate articles free from dust and destruction, as they must necessarily be exposed to view. The old fashioned show case never amounted to much in this respect, but we have now a novelty in the shape of an entire plate glass counter with a frame of narrow strips of highly polished cherry. Every article within is in plain sight, whilst being perfectly secure from dust. It is worth your while to come in and see it.

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Andover National Bank.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Andover National Bank, will be held at their Banking Rooms, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1891, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the choice of Directors, and to transact any other business that may legally come before them.

MOSES FOSTER, Cashier.

ANDOVER, Dec. 5, 1890.

Annual Meeting.

Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the members of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in Andover, Mass., on Monday, January 12, 1891, at 2 o'clock P.M.

J. A. SMART, Secretary.

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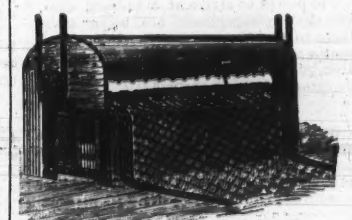
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THE DEFEAT OF PARNELL.

HARRISMAJORITY IN NEARLY TWELVE HUNDRED.

Parnell Will Not Give Up, but Will Continue to Assert His Right to the Leadership—A Squabble in Kilkenny.

KILKENNY, Dec. 24.—Up to the hour of noon yesterday there was little or no excitement in the streets. Messrs. Parnell, Harrington, Reimond, Scully, Hennessy and Healy were inside the court house at an early hour, awaiting, with varying emotions, the actual announcement of the result. The door of the "counting room" in the court house was strictly guarded by police, but there was no attempt to create any disturbance.

The result of the election was finally declared to be as follows: Healy, say, 3527; Scully, 1856.

Vincent Scully will lodge a petition protesting against the election of Sir John Pope Hennessy, on the ground of undue influence upon the part of the priests, particularly referring to the priests' action in connection with the illiterate voters of Castle Corner.

Immediately after the sheriff had officially announced the result of the polling the Parnellites present moved in a body to the front of the court house, and then with a cheer they hoisted Mr. Parnell upon their shoulders and gave him what might be termed a rousing reception. Mr. Parnell was upon the point of making a speech to his followers, when Timothy and Maurice Healy appeared among the crowd. The Parnellites resented the so-called intrusion by assuming menacing attitudes and giving vent to various threats which implied personal violence to the Healys in case they did not leave the scene. Finally Mr. Parnell, in order to prevent what seemed likely to be a disgraceful row, asked the police who were guarding the court house to induce the Healys to withdraw, as their presence was causing a disturbance. The police promptly acted upon Mr. Parnell's suggestion, and the Healys were eventually prevailed upon to depart from the scene under police protection. While the Healys were being escorted out of danger Mr. Parnell diverted the attention of the crowd by remaining his attempt to make a speech to his followers, saying that he would not be carried aside from his determination to do his duty for Ireland, seeing that the result of the contest in North Kilkenny was brought about by conspiracy. Mr. Parnell added that he would go through Ireland fighting every election, and that he felt confident of eventual triumph.

"AN ENEMY OF IRELAND."

That is What Parnell Now Has to Say of Davis.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Friendly demonstrations were made at most of the places Mr. Parnell stopped at on his journey from Kilkenny to this city. He made several brief addresses on the trip, in which he declared that the fight has not been an equal one and the election had been mislead. But the fall of the first fence, he said, need not cause despair. His friends had been forcibly prevented from doing their part at Kilkenny where 100 electors voted blindly against him. He would not falter in his fight against the Davis-Stead conspiracy. These men in their hearts were enemies of the Irish movement. He had the materials and would expose the methods of the conspirators.

At a meeting of the National committee here, William M. Murphy, who was in the chair, said that Parnell had disregarded Ireland's voice and that it would be necessary to stop him in his mad career by every legitimate means. The committee decided to start a daily morning newspaper which will be edited by Mr. O'Brien.

THEY SEE HOPE IN IT.

Dillon and O'Connor Pleased With the Result in Kilkenny.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dillon and O'Connor, the two remaining envoys on this side of the Atlantic, had but little to say in reference to the result of the Kilkenny election. They made the following statement: "We learned the result of the Kilkenny election with great pleasure. The majority is greater than we had hoped for. It is a vindication of the patriotism and sagacity of the constituency because it shows that consideration of the good of the country and the safety of the cause have prevailed with the electors over natural feelings of gratitude and affection for a great leader like Mr. Parnell, which have blinded so many to the true issue at stake. The result in Kilkenny in our judgment, offers a chance of re-uniting our party, and we earnestly hope that both sides will now co-operate with Mr. O'Brien in bringing about a re-union of the Irish National party."

Mary Rosseter's Downfall.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mary H. Rosseter, an actress, was sent to the penitentiary for six months for stealing \$250 from Hamilton Gordon, a piano dealer of this city. Miss Rosseter is the daughter of Nathan T. Rosseter, formerly the county judge of Schoharie county, N. Y., and held a prominent position in the treasury department under Lincoln's administration.

Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

HARTFORD, Dec. 23.—Fred Mendona, an actor in "Rapid Transit," playing at Proctor's opera house, was accidentally shot in the left eye by a boy, Willie Inman, of the cast. The boy carelessly fired a pistol at short range, loaded with blank cartridge, not knowing it was loaded. Mendona's sight will be saved but he is badly injured.

Germany Will Hosted Exiles.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The newspapers of this city report that 30,000 Russian Jews are expected to arrive at Hamburg soon, and that arrangements are being made there to send them to Brazil. It is stated that a committee is now being formed in Hamburg to take charge of the army of emigrants on their arrival.

Trouble Brewing in Brazil.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 23.—A rumor is current here that a plot to overthrow the government has been discovered. Several persons are said to have been arrested for complicity in the conspiracy.

Quite Right.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—The Congo Technical commission has formally agreed that America shall have the same rights as other powers in the Congo State, although the United States government did not ratify the Berlin act.

Big Fire Raging in London.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A great fire is in progress in Princes street in this city. Many shops have been destroyed. The loss will be very heavy.

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCES.

National Fall of Farmers Shows Blaine to Be the Choice of Republicans and Cleveland Leads All Others.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—Quite an exhaustive trial card poll of farmers throughout the country has been taken by The New England Homestead and other agricultural papers on topics of interest to the fraternity and especially on the choice for the next presidential candidate. The journals interested interpret the November elections as meaning that the farmers were weary of the old favorites and old measures, and demanded new men and new issues. The therefore advocated J. M. Rusk of Wisconsin, the secretary of agriculture, and Congressman William Hatch of Missouri, ex-chairman of the house committee on agriculture, as the proper Republican and Democratic standard bearers for 1892. In spite of this influence, however, the farmers expressed their preferences strongly for Cleveland for the Democratic candidate, with Hill far behind, while the Republican preference was more evenly divided between Blaine and Harrison.

Of a total of 107,871 Republican votes, Blaine received 50,250, Harrison 31,013, Rusk 20,476, scattering 16,993. In New England the division was: Blaine 11,677, Harrison 10,924, Rusk 7024, scattering 4837. There were 108,790 Democratic votes, Cleveland receiving 71,789, Hill 17,118, Hatch 11,083, scattering 8808. In New England the division was: Cleveland 23,529, Hill 3484, Hatch 4726, scattering 2031. The vote on other questions shows that federal aid to agricultural education and the teaching of agricultural science in rural public schools are overwhelmingly endorsed. The sentiment regarding government ownership of railroads is quite evenly divided. A great many who vote against such ownership insist on government supervision and full control of railroads.

HENRY B. BROWN OF MICHIGAN

Appointed Associate of the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The president nominated Henry B. Brown of Michigan to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States vice Samuel P. Miller, deceased.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Judge Brown was born at Lee, Mass., March 2, 1836, where his father was a manufacturer. He was graduated from Yale in 1856, having for his classmates Chauncey M. Depew, Julius David J. Brewer and others who have since become eminent. After spending a year in Europe he studied law at Hartford, and was admitted to the bar. In 1858 he came to Detroit and entered the office of Walker & Russell. In April, 1861, he was appointed deputy United States marshal and assistant district attorney and kept the office till 1868, when Governor Cropper made him judge of the Wayne circuit court. In March, 1875, President Grant appointed him judge for the eastern district of Michigan. Politically, Judge Brown has always been a Republican. He has been on the bench fifteen years.

AN ORDINANCE RESURRECTED

Which May Knock the World's Fair Plans Into a Cocked Hat.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—An ordinance thirty-eight years old was unearthed yesterday which gives the Illinois Central the right of way and other privileges on the lake front which it was supposed the company was eager to obtain and which were to be granted in return for grounds now occupied by the road and forming part of the World's fair title. Unless the ordinance turns out to be invalid, the result will be a serious upset for the exposition plans outlined by the directors and might involve a complete abandonment of the lake front.

Worst in Athol's History.

ATHOL, Mass., Dec. 22.—The most disastrous fire ever known in Athol occurred yesterday. The Masonic and Catholic blocks were completely destroyed, five merchants, the postoffice, Masonic rooms, etc., being burned out. A. C. Porter, George Burnham, L. U. Perry and William Conner of Orange, firemen, were seriously injured by falling walls, Perry probably fatally. Alexander McLeod, foreman of Star hose, fell thirty feet from a ladder, fracturing his skull. Property loss, \$135,000; insurance, \$75,000.

Chinamen Will Make a Kick.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 19.—Thirteen Chinamen were captured near Dungeness while trying to smuggle their way into the United States. They resisted arrest and one of them was killed by Inspector Fenn. Chinamen here say they will call the attention of their government to the killing. The inspector's superior officers hold him blameless.

Hanson Will Be Manager.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—The Pittsburgh National League club, which won yesterday the election of J. Palmer O'Neill as president; H. H. Rea, vice-president; Lew Brown, treasurer; and A. C. Scandrett, secretary. A manager will be chosen Tuesday, Dec. 30, and as all interested are a unit for Ed. Hanson, the honor will be conferred on him.

Gathering of Reformers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The New York Reform club celebrated the recent Democratic victories with a banquet last night. Speeches were made by ex-President Cleveland, Senator Carlisle, Governor-elect Russell of Massachusetts, Governor Boies of Iowa and others.

An Awful Disaster.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 22.—A disaster has occurred at Cordova, where the canal has burst its banks and destroyed hundreds of houses. One hundred lives are reported to be lost. Gen. Roca, the minister of the interior, has gone to the scene to superintend measures of relief.

Failed for a Million.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 19.—The Owen Bros., who operate the Atlantic mills, have assigned, as do George J. Owen, Jr., and others connected with the firm. The failure of Owen Bros. involves \$1,000,000 of more and was caused by the tight money market.

The Paris Stranglers.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The sensational murder trial terminated Saturday. The man was sentenced to death, and his accomplice, the woman, who was alleged to have been mesmerized by Michael Eyraud, was sentenced to prison for life.

Old, but Jealous.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Henry Christensen, 61 years old, choked his aged wife to death and cut his own throat some time Saturday night. Jealousy is supposed to have caused the deed.

Twelve Girls Drowned.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—An accident is reported at Selenter lake, in Meislen. Twelve girls were crossing the lake on the ice when the ice gave way beneath them and all were drowned.

OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

BUSINESS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

Thursday, Dec. 18.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The house took up the appropriations bill and defeated (145 to 113) the McKim amendment increasing the representation to 330. After further discussion, the bill was passed, 187 to 72, and the house adjourned.

The senate resumed consideration of the force bill after the morning hour. Mr. Dulph closed his remarks on Tuesday. Mr. Kenia finished his argument again at the bill. Messrs. Baughman and Butler made speeches opposing the measure. Mr. Cole obtained the floor, and at 5 o'clock the senate adjourned.

Friday, Dec. 19.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In the senate a bill was passed to terminate the reduction of engineers in the navy. Mr. Coke and Mr. Bate opposed the election bill, and Mr. Cullum spoke in its favor. A bill was passed for the relief of First National bank of Newton, Mass.

In the house, Speaker Reed ruled that no member, not on the committee, can call up an appropriation bill, and refused to entertain an appeal. The shipping bill was discussed in committee of the whole.

Saturday, Dec. 20.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In the senate the financial bill was referred to the committee on finance. Resolutions looking to reciprocity with Canada and Mexico were introduced. Printing deficiency bill was passed. Mr. Stewart argued against the election bill.

In the house, conference reports on the District of Columbia and Indian matters were agreed to. A resolution was introduced protesting against the persecution of Jews in Russia.

Monday, Dec. 23.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In the senate Mr. Spooner made a long argument in favor of the election bill.

In the house the financial administration of the government was discussed and criticised. The urgent deficiency bill was debated, and the senate amendment, with one exception, concurred in.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In the senate several conference reports were agreed to. The house amendment to the urgent deficiency bill was non-concurred in. Speeches were made by Voorhees and others on the election bill. Senators left the chamber when Hoar moved for an evening session.

In the house the entire session was taken up with District of Columbia matters.

Wednesday, Dec. 24.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The senate took up the resolution to amend the election bill. The urgent deficiency bill was reported. A proposed amendment to the rules of the senate was introduced.

The house adjourned until Friday.

TERRIBLE, IF TRUE.

Ex-Inmate of a Seclusion Institution Makes Serious Charges.

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—One of the inmates of the House of the Good Shepherd here has left the institution. She said that the reason she left was that the institution was not run properly. The tasks set the sisters were too onerous and in many instances impossible to perform in the allotted time, under which circumstances the delinquent was whipped by a machine strap. In addition to this the food was extremely poor, everything they ate being begotten. One sister died from the effects of something she ate at the home some time ago. One girl died while she was being whipped. The mother superior of the institution denies the charges of the truant nun, and Bishop Feeley says he does not place any reliance upon the story.

A Villainous Deed.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 20.—The family of Charles A. Bond, consisting of himself, wife and children, will all die from the effects of rough on rats administered by a young colored girl employed as a domestic in the family. The girl has been arrested and has confessed, saying she mixed the box of poison with the coffee, but refuses to assign a reason for the crime.

Not Guilty.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the action for libel brought by Harry Marks, editor of the Financial News, against George Washington Butterfield, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The judge stated that he entirely disagreed with the verdict, and, upon application of Mr. Gill, counsel for the defendant, Mr. Marks was ordered to pay all costs.

A Wicked Papal.

LONGMONT, Col., Dec. 21.—Miss Ida Lycock, the teacher of district thirty-five, five miles northeast of Longmont, was stabbed by one of her pupils, Bert Myers. The wounds will probably prove fatal. The cause of the stabbing is said to be the objection to the proper discipline of the school and a desire to rule the teacher.

The Sheriff Died, Too.

SHERBROOKE, P. Q., Dec. 20.—Murder of his brother-in-law, Napoleon Michel. Before the execution Sheriff Webb died suddenly from heart disease. It is believed that the excitement attending the arrangements was the cause of the fatal attack.

The Unrelenting Car.

COLOGNE, Dec. 20.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Gazette says that the case has intimated to the London committee that he will decline to receive the appeal on behalf of the Jews in Russia which was recently adopted at a meeting of influential persons in the guild hall.

Connecticut Finances.

HARTFORD, Dec. 24.—The report of State Treasurer E. S. Henry for the year ending June 30 shows the net debt of the state to be \$2,842,826, a reduction of \$367,302 during the year, although in that year the direct state taxation on the towns was abolished.

A Warning.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Lord Salisbury has warned the British South African company that its occupation of Masikese is an infringement upon the modus vivendi with Portugal and that it must withdraw at once from that district.

Donoghue Again.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—The international championship skating contest took place here. The mile race was won by Joseph Donoghue of Newburg, N. Y., in 8 minutes, 9.4 seconds.

Big Strike Begun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The railway men at Scotland, at a meeting, decided to begin a general strike at once.

SUCCI'S SUNDAY DINNER.

What He Got Away With After His Forty-Five Days' Fast.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—When Signor Succo arose yesterday from a long sleep, which he fell into soon after his fast of forty-five days was ended, at 8:10 A.M. and night, an elaborate meal was placed before him. He ate with extraordinary relish, occupying two hours in demolishing the following bill of fare: Anchovies with butter, chicken soup with rice, fried apples, fried calf brain, gail on toast, cucumber pudding, fruit and confectiois, ice cream and coffee, half pint Barolo! Extra, half pint Grand Sec.

George Francis, Train, Julian Hawthorne and Stephen Mackintosh were present at the feast. At the conclusion of Succo's meal he was given a handsome cane and a gold tooth-pick. Soon after dinner he retired for a nap, preparatory to his trip to Boston, whither he goes to exhibit in a museum.

CLOSE TO DEATH.

Passenger Train in Connection Goes Over an Embankment.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 24.—The Guilford accommodation on the Shore Line leaving this city at 6:15 p.m. met with a terrible accident near Lee's Island last night. The engine and three passenger cars went over a ten-foot embankment. Fortunately no one was killed. The accident was due to the spreading of the rails. The engine passed over the spot safely but the rails spread under the tender, separating it off the track. Three passenger cars followed and after tearing up the ground and rails for a distance of 200 feet, rolled over a ten-foot embankment. One woman was severely cut about the head; conductor John O'Neill had his hip broken and a brakeman had his head badly cut. Trains are badly delayed.

ON HIS DEATH BED.

Life of Gen. F. E. Spinner is Slowly, but Surely, Ebbing Away.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The Times-Democrat's Jacksonville, Fla., special says Gen. F. E. Spinner, ex-United States treasurer, residing in this city, is comfortable, but his life is gradually ebbing away. Saturday he sustained a sinking spell, and it was thought that he could not rally. The cancer on his face which is sapling away his vitality has eaten a deep hole near the eye and nose, and the pulsation of the brain can plainly be seen through it. He is most of the time in a dull stupor and sleeps. When awake he is rational and recognizes familiar voices.

SHIP TALOOKDAR SUNK.

Her Captain and Twenty-Two Men Meet a Watery Grave.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Pernambuco says that the Hamburg ship Lithuan collided with and sank the British ship Talookdar, bound from Calcutta for Lisbon. The captain and twenty-two members of the crew of the Talookdar were drowned.

A Powerful Weapon.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 23.—The government engineers at Sandy Hook tested a new thirty-foot rifle gun. Shells were thrown fifteen miles out to sea. During the operations Private Adley was badly injured, his head being struck by a steel bar, which was knocked off the gun carriage by the recoil.

In Memory of Kiltier Grady.

ATLANTA, Dec. 24.—The corner stone of the Henry W. Grady hospital was laid with fitting ceremonies. The grand lodge of Masons conducted the exercises and Hon. Pat Calhoun delivered the formal address. Yesterday was the anniversary of Mr. Grady's death.

For His Mother's sake.

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—E. H. Spear, a prominent young broker, defrauded three banks out of \$3000 yesterday afternoon. He made no effort to escape and was arrested last evening. He used the money to pay a loan of his mother's at a savings bank, sacrificing his reputation for her credit.

Most Attentive to Finances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Harrison is not satisfied with the financial guarantee of the World's fair directors and will defer issuing his proclamation announcing the fair to the world until the finances necessary for its complete success are assured.

BOSTON PRODUCE MARKET.

Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Flour—Quiet. Fine a d super, \$3.25 to 3.50; extra, \$3.25 to 3.50; Minnesota, \$3.25 to 3.50; car and roller, \$4.75 to 5.00; winter patens, \$3.25 to 3.50.

Corn—Steady. High mixed 65 to 65½; steam to grade 61 to 61½; for food, with off lots, as to quality.

Hay—Prime steers, 7½ to 80 per lb; good steers, 7 to 7½; light, 6½; rump, 10 to 14; rough 6 to 7; rump and joints, 12 to 13; short lots, 10 to 14; cows, 12 to 14.

Mutton—Dull. Western spring lambs, 10 to 10½; eastern, 9½ to 10; fall lambs, 9½ to 10; far to good, 9 to 9½; Chicago mutton, 6 to 7½; heavy Brighton, 8 to 8½; eastern, 8 to 9; good, 6 to 7; good to choice 9 to 9½; fancy, 10 to 11.

Poultry—Firm. Western turkeys, 14 to 15; eastern and northern, 17 to 18; northern chickens, 15 to 16; fair to good 10 to 12; need to 10; fowls, 9 to 11.

Butter—Firm. Western creamery, extra, 17 to 17½; New York and Vermont, extra, 16 to 16½; 17 to 17½; eastern creamery, extra, 16 to 16½; 17 to 17½; choice western, 16 to 16½; higher. Liverpool quoted at 50s.

Eggs—Firm. Eastern extras, 30 to 35; extra Vermont and New Hampshire, 30 to 35; Nova Scotia, 28 to 30; French, 30 to 35; Prince Edward Island, 28 to 30; western 28 to 30; jobbing prices, 10 higher.

Pork—Steady. Houston hams, \$1 to 1.05; Arkansas, \$1; Houston ribs, \$1; Arkansas ribs, \$1; choice butchers, 95c; ordinary to good, 85c; sweet potatoes are firm; Jersey double heads, 95 to 1.00.

Waterbury Cattle Market, Dec. 17.

AMOUNT OF LIVE STOCK AT MARKET.

Cattle. Sheep and Swine.

This week..... 4953 7151 34,607

Last week..... 3905 5729 25,400

NUMBER FROM THE SEVERAL STATES.

Sheep and Swine.

Maine..... 109 80 80

New Hampshire..... 330 465 229 59

Vermont..... 448 1668 229 59

Massachusetts..... 38 110 15 15

New York..... 4048 4723 34,380

Canada..... 1883

Total..... 4953 7151 34,607

Number of cars over different roads—Boston and Lowell 28; Elizabeth 1122; Eastern 17; total 117.

PRICES OF MARKET BEEF—A low choice \$5.50 to 7.00; extra \$5.75 to 6.25; fine quality \$5.50 to 6.00; second quality \$4.75 to 5.50; third quality \$4.00 to 4.50.

PRICES OF STEAKS—Working oxen, per pair, \$60 to \$120; furox, cows \$10 to \$15; fancy cows \$20 to \$30; milk cows and calves \$25 to \$40; yearlings \$25 to \$35; two yearlings \$30 to \$40; three yearlings \$35 to \$45.

SWINE—Western fat, live 4½ to 4¾; northern dressed hogs, per pound with skin, 12 to 13; 13 to 14; 14 to 15; 15 to 16; 16 to 17; 17 to 18; 18 to 19; 19 to 20; 20 to 21; 21 to 22; 22 to 23; 23 to 24; 24 to 25; 25 to 26; 26 to 27; 27 to 28; 28 to 29; 29 to 30; 30 to 31; 31 to 32; 32 to 33; 33 to 34; 34 to 35; 35 to 36; 36 to 37; 37 to 38; 38 to 39; 39 to 40; 40 to 41; 41 to 42; 42 to 43; 43 to 44; 44 to 45; 45 to 46; 46 to 47; 47 to 48; 48 to 49; 49 to 50; 50 to 51; 51 to 52; 52 to 53; 53 to 54; 54 to 55; 55 to 56; 56 to 57; 57 to 58; 58 to 59; 59 to 60; 60 to 61; 61 to 62; 62 to 63; 63 to 64; 64 to 65; 65 to 66; 66 to 67; 67 to 68; 68 to 69; 69 to 70; 70 to 71; 71 to 72; 72 to 73; 73 to 74; 74 to 75; 75 to 76; 76 to 77; 77 to 78; 78 to 79; 79 to 80; 80 to 81; 81 to 82; 82 to 83; 83 to 84; 84 to 85; 85 to 86; 86 to 87; 87 to 88; 88 to 89; 89 to 90; 90 to 91; 91 to 92; 92 to 93; 93 to 94; 94 to 95; 95 to 96; 96 to 97; 97 to 98; 98 to 99; 99 to 100; 100 to 101; 101 to 102; 102 to 103; 103 to 104; 104 to 105; 105 to 106; 106 to 107; 107 to 108; 108 to 109; 109 to 110; 110 to 111; 111 to 112; 112 to 113; 113 to 114; 114 to 115; 115 to 116; 116 to 117; 117 to 118; 118 to 119; 119 to 120; 120 to 121; 121 to 122; 122 to 123; 123 to 124; 124 to 125; 125 to 126; 126 to 127; 127 to 128; 128 to 129; 129 to 130; 130 to 131; 131 to 132; 132 to 133; 133 to 134; 134 to 135; 135 to 136; 136 to 137; 137 to 138; 138 to 139; 139 to 140; 140 to 141; 141 to 142; 142 to 143; 143 to 144; 14

NORTH ANDOVER.

George L. Well entertained a pleasant company of family friends at his home, Christmas day. Among others present was Mrs. Henry Brown and family of Concord.

Principal John F. Roche of Hinsdale, has been spending a few days at the home of his parents.

Rev. Charles Noyes preached in Haverhill, Sunday, in exchange with the recently installed pastor of the Unitarian Church of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrin of Cambridge, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Leavitt on Christmas day.

The following musical selections will be rendered by the choir at the Congregational Church, Sunday, in connection with the Christmas sermon to be delivered by Rev. H. H. Leavitt:

Organ Voluntary, Salome
Sing, Oh Heavens, Clare
Psalm, Gloria and Lord's Prayer, Plain Chant.
There were Shepherds, Vincent
Hark, what mean those holy voices, Sullivan
Shout the glad tidings, Congregational

Samuel Hamlin and family left town Wednesday, to spend the remainder of the week with friends in Lynn.

Mrs. R. W. Walker entertained members of the church choir and pupils of her Sabbath School class, at her home, corner of Prescott and High Streets, last week, Thursday evening. The occasion was a very happy one, both to the hosts and her friends.

A horse attached to McEvoy's delivery pump became unmanageable while being driven down Merrimack Street, Wednesday afternoon, and was the cause of considerable excitement in the vicinity of Hamlin's store. The horse belonging to Robinson, the confectioner, was standing near the Armory, and became frightened and also ran away. Both animals dashed into the vacant lot near Hamlin's store and proceeded across the garden patches in the rear of the "yellow row." Driver Holmes secured his horse before it had gone far, and only a small amount of candy was spilled. McEvoy's horse, however, freed from the vehicle, ran to Lawrence, and was not stopped until he broke through the closed gates at the Essex Street Crossing of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The driver escaped without injury.

Miss Myra Gordon is at her home in North Sanborn, N. H., for a short vacation.

Miss Alice Godfrey has returned from her home in Candia, N. H., and will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in town.

Owing to the severe storm on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, the election of officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. was deferred until Friday evening, when the following were chosen:

President.—Miss Annie L. Sargent.
Vice-Pres.—Miss Anna M. Tucker.
Secretary.—Miss Margaret Wadlin.
Treasurer.—Miss Lizzie M. Saunders.
Lookout Committee.—Miss Annie E. Sanborn, chairman; Misses Nellie M. Stillings, Florence Kimball, Alexa Saunders; Mr. Joshua Paine.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—Miss Helen C. Sargent, chairman; Misses Annie W. Saunders, Edith Albezette, Mrs. Moses Merrill, Mr. Frederick Colman.

Social Committee.—Miss Anna M. Tucker, chairman; Misses Helen E. Roache, Mabel Morrill, Messrs. George Wadlin, Jacob Rose.

Relief Committee.—Mr. D. W. Carney, chairman; Mrs. George H. Perkins, Mrs. Annie Kelley, Misses Margaret Diggle, Eliza Craig.

Sunday-School Committee.—Mr. Harry Albezette, chairman; Misses Susie Morrill, Minnie Degehardt, Mr. Edward Butterworth, Mr. Kelley.

Flower Committee.—Mrs. William Haliday, chairman; Misses Annie Diggle, Laura Foster, Sarah Johnson, Mr. William McQuestion.

Dr. Howard entertained the members of the Medical Club at his home in Lawrence, Monday evening. Dr. Howe reported a case. Drs. Morrill and Weil attended from town.

S. M. Greenwood expects to complete filling his ice-houses this week, and will commence immediately to store the ice for Mr. Abbott, at Stevens Village.

Warren Chadwick, who has been very ill with pleurisy, is slowly recovering.

One of the most pleasing and novel Christmas entertainments of the season was given in the Methodist vestry last evening. Before the advent of Santa Claus Walker from a far-off country, the audience listened to a recital by Master Bertie Brown. One of the pretty features of the evening was an exercise called "An Hour with Mother Goose," in which many of the young ladies and young men participated with verse or song very creditably. A recital by Miss Effie Smith closed the programme, which was given under the direction of Mrs. M. J. Towne in a highly satisfactory manner. Santa had by this time arrived, and was not a little pleased to find that the people had departed from the usual custom, and introduced a new idea of hanging the gifts about the walls of an arch instead of a tree. None were forgotten, and all enjoyed their presents. Among the special gifts Rev. Mr. Hodge received a handsome gold-headed silk umbrella, and Mrs. R. W. Walker a large family Bible prettily bound.

The Assessors' report of the valuation of the real estate of the inhabitants of North Andover is in the hands of the printers, the Andover Press.

The meeting of the Congregational Club at the North Church, Haverhill, Monday evening, was attended by several persons from town to whom the exercises proved very entertaining. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Leavitt, Dea. and Mrs. Joseph S. Sanborn, Dea. Joseph H. Stone, D. W. Carney, Misses Alice Godfrey, Annie E. Sanborn, Mabel Morrill, Helen C. Sargent.

Mr. Joshua Paine is spending the week in Boston.

The new catalogues for the North Andover Public Library were delivered last Saturday.

The topic for the meeting of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Sunday evening, is "Thoughts for Christmas week." Mr. E. S. Edmunds leads the service.

The pupils of the Methodist Sunday School gave an interesting Christmas concert in the vestry Sunday evening; the subject was "The son of God, the son of Man." Particular attention was given to the decorations, which were of a novel character; on the platform was constructed a representation of a citadel with battlement and tower, on which were the inscriptions "Welcome," "Christ the Corner Stone, Xmas 1890." Other emblematic designs in various places were gilded stars, star and shepherd's crook, and anchor. Evergreen and fir boughs completed the festive decorations. The exercises consisted of scripture lesson and prayer by the pastor, Rev. Elias Hodge, congregational hymns, ascriptions of praise, offerings and carols. Recitations were given by Mrs. Lillian (Brown) Chamberlain, Manchester, N. H.; Master Brainerd, Misses Lizzie Hodge, Grace Barker and Master Fred. Gile, Misses Alma Downing, Effie Smith, Helen Gile, Clara Barnard, Gertrude Smith. A class of little girls in the infant department gave an exercise under the direction of Mrs. Maria Flynn, called Children's gifts. Truth, honor, kindness, purity, love, temperance, charity, patience, obedience, right, peace were represented; a verse was repeated upon each virtue.

Merrimack Lodge of the United Endowment League elected the following officers at the semi-annual meeting Friday evening: President, John T. Cooper; vice-President, George Rextrow; Councilor, Frank Tisdale; Secretary, William A. Moulton; Financier, Charles S. Stearns; Treasurer, Alonzo Bixby; Chaplain, Alfred C. Howes; Guide, George A. Keniston; Guard, Edwin Wright; Sentinel, Lewis McInnes; Trustees, William Johnson; David Walworth, Horace T. Downing. One candidate received the initiatory degree. The lodge is in good working order, and the membership will doubtless be increased still more in a short time. The officers will probably be installed Friday evening, Jan. 10, by District Deputy Alphonso Bixby of Lowell.

The monthly "consecration meeting" of the Y. P. S. C. E. occurs Sunday evening.

Mrs. Walsingham Mills is spending the holiday season with her sister in Providence, R. I.

At the meeting of the Grange, Tuesday evening, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Master, Geo. L. Averill; Overseer, Walter H. Hayes; lecturer, George B. Chadwick; steward, Edward O. Fuller; assistant steward, Jos. H. Blunt, Andover; chaplain, S. William Ingalls; treasurer, Samuel D. Berry; secretary, Lizzie T. Ingalls; gate keeper, Herbert L. Foster; pomona, Laura Foster; flora, Sara J. Ingalls; cerea, Hattie Towne; lady assistant steward, Carrie P. Fuller; executive committee for three years, J. Gilbert Chadwick, Peter Holt Jr., who was a delegate to the convention of the State Grange at Worcester recently, furnished an interesting account of the proceedings of the meeting.

Mrs. A. Albert Sack and son of Providence, R. I., have been visiting her father, Hon. George L. Davis.

Rev. George Walker distributed the gifts among the members of Saint Paul's Parish, from a pretty Christmas tree at Odd Fellow's Hall, Wednesday evening. Kris Kringle remembered the children very generously, and all were happy. Singing, and a fine collation in the banquet hall were the other attractions of the evening.

Lewis C. Miles of Limington, and Miss Estella Tufts of Wells, Me., have been visiting at Mr. John Bedell's this week.

A large attendance enjoyed the Christmas exercises at the Congregational Church Wednesday evening. A motto in blue and gold bore the inscription, "The Lord Our Righteousness." The newly renovated interior of the vestry needed but little decoration to make things cheerful. Before revealing the tree with its many treasures to the waiting group of children, the following programme conducted by Supt. N. P. Frye interested the audience; Singing by a class of young ladies, Misses Mary Leavitt, Susie Morrill, Alice Barstow, Alice Harris, Mary Downing; reading, "Annie's and Willie's prayer," Miss Mabel Morrill; song, Miss Annie E. Sanborn; song, class of young ladies, with solo by Miss Barstow.

A company consisting of John Mills and Martha Mills of Lowell; Mrs. Ann Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heyward of Boston, and Mrs. George Blanchard made a tour of our village streets, singing Christmas carols, early Thursday morning.

The prices of the library catalogue have been fixed by the Trustees at 80 and 60 cents.

Master Frank Biaby is seriously ill of peritonitis. At last accounts his condition was encouraging.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary (Kershaw) Butterworth died at her home on Main Street about 5 o'clock Christmas morning, after an intermittent illness extending over a period of about two years. Her native place was Rochdale, England, and she has been a resident of town about 43 years, during which time by a kind, neighborly disposition she has won many firm friends. For many years she has been a member of the Methodist Church. Her age was 78 years and 11 months. Four sons survive her—Messrs. Edward, instructor of music in the public schools, John, of Tugus, Me., Samuel, an engineer in Chicago, and Charles, of town. Funeral services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Elias Hodge will officiate.

One Rich Man's Little Hobby.

"I have been asked often how rich men enjoy themselves when they are free from business," observed one diner out to another. "I know how one does, and to my mind it is worth telling. The gentleman lives on Washington boulevard. He used to live out on one of the branches of the Northwestern road. He was not always rich. He was a student at one time, and made the most of a collegiate education. He chose a professional life, and from that began speculating. He seemed peculiarly fitted for the latter, and his riches began growing like that gourd of Jonah. He came to the city, where he would have more scope, and fortune continues to walk by his side.

"When he was living up the country, and before he began to get rich, he used to have a great deal of young company at his house. He liked their society. When he became rich and moved to the city he did not forget the little circle. As I said, he is a student. Not long after he moved into the city he fitted up a lecture room in his home and sent word to his young friends in the country to visit him once a week and he would deliver a course of lectures to them free. And every Friday night there came in on one of the Northwestern trains four ladies and three young men, who go to the mansion on Washington boulevard, and are the beneficiaries of this man's information. If they choose to do so, they have the opportunity of remaining over until Sunday evening, in which event the rich man takes them to a theatre Saturday evening and to church Sunday morning."—Chicago Tribune.

The Russian Navy.

In numbers and in armored tonnage the Russian navy exceeds that of Italy. But a large proportion of the Russian fleet is old. Many of these older ships are small and weakly armored. Moreover, some of Russia's recent vessels are armored cruisers of an objectionable type. Still she is a good fourth in the race, and if her present rate of construction continues for a few years longer she is likely to outstrip Italy. A very large portion of the new vessels are for the Black sea, and in that quarter Russia is the acknowledged mistress. Turkey no longer even attempts to keep pace with her. Three large battle-ships for the Black sea are now practically completed, the Tchesnie, the Sinope and the Catharine II.

They are sister ships, and their details are: Displacement, 10,480 tons; length, 331 feet; beam, 69 feet; draught, 27 feet. Their armor is compound, 18 inches on the belt and 14 on the triangular barbettes. The main battery is six 12-inch 50 ton guns; auxiliary battery, seven 6-inch breech loading rifles; secondary battery, sixteen small rapid fire and machine guns; speed eighteen knots.

Three other armored ships of the same type and same size are under construction for the Black sea fleet. Russia's Baltic force, which includes all vessels for foreign service, is also being extensively increased. The additions are chiefly of the armored cruiser type.—New York Herald.

A Girl That Excites Real Love.

It was on the elevated railroad and the Third Avenue line where the well-dressed, good looking gentleman held the little girl on his lap. Such a charming little girl—one of those with whom Kate Greenaway would have fallen in love at once. As Miss Greenaway was not there I fell in love with her myself.

"We ride in this car down to the bridge, little one," said the proud owner of the child.

"Ess, me knows."

"There we take the cars again and go over the water."

"High, high in 'e air!"

"Yes, high up in the air. Then we take more cars, and ride and ride and ride."

"Yide an' yide an' yide!"

"Then we get out, go down the stairs and walk a little way."

"An' see g'ma!"

"And see grandma. And what then, Ethel?"

"Ess. G'ma's got cake!" and shutting her eyes she folded her hands to enjoy the blissful thought.

"Cake for?"

"For good 'little gals."

"Are you good, Ethel?"

"Me's de bestes 'gal in de 'ole worl'!" she answered in tones of intense conviction, and as her father kissed her chubby little face he was the envy of every man in the car.—New York Telegram.

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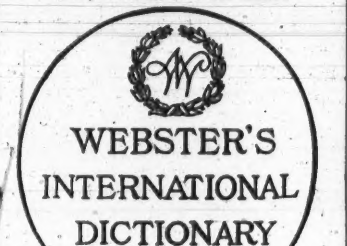
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